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The Boott Mills Along the Merrimack River

Jim Higgins

Improvements in Energy Efficiency, Historic Preservation in Park

The effective utilization of energy and power has been a hallmark of Lowell's successful development since 1822 - the year surveyors first visited the Pawtucket Falls and recognized the tremendous potential of harnessing Lowell's waterpower. Almost 200 years later, Lowell's canal system remains a non-carbon source of electric power for 30,000 homes in the region. Today, this tradition of innovative energy management continues to affect both historic and modern buildings throughout the Park and the city.

Funding from the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** recently enabled work to begin on numerous clean energy and energy efficiency projects that will decrease

carbon emissions and energy costs in the Park. The Aiken St. Maintenance facility will soon be home to a 10kw solar panel array and 1.5kw wind turbine that will supply 20% of the facility's energy needs. The Mogan Cultural Center's cooling tower will also be replaced with modern, energy efficient equipment. Two of the Park's older gas-powered vehicles will be replaced with new electric versions that can be powered by the new solar panels and wind turbine.

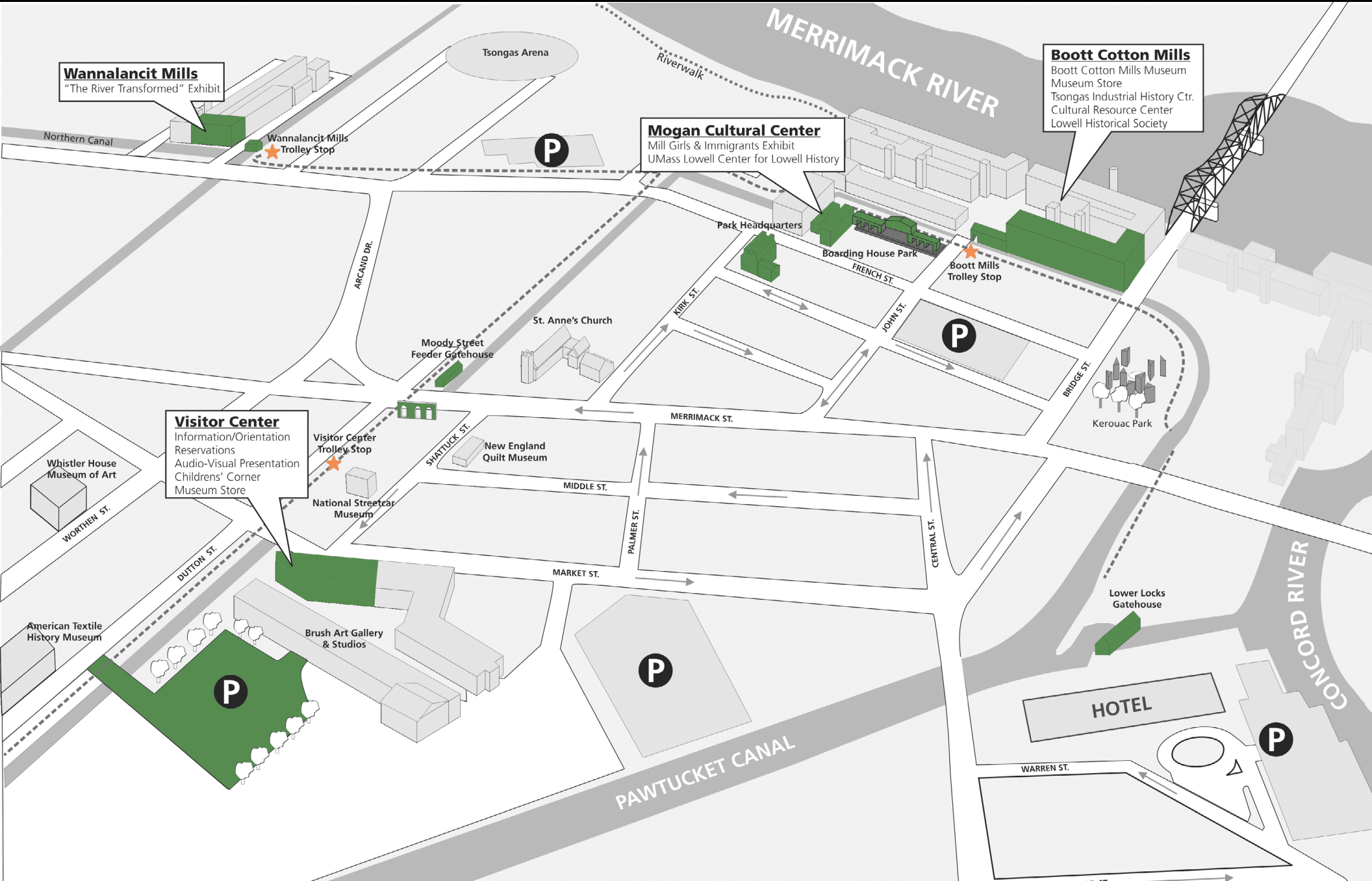
In 2010 the City of Lowell and the Park embarked on another collaborative partnership to continue the evolution of historic preservation in Lowell. The "Carbon-Neutral Lowell Park and Preservation District Initiative" is a collective effort to blend

energy efficiency with standards of preservation. A goal of the initiative is to create a new model of stewardship assuring the compatibility of energy efficiency improvements while preserving the original character of historic buildings. A \$5 million dollar grant from the US Department of Energy will enable Lowell to create construction jobs in the city that focus on the energy-efficient retrofitting of numerous buildings.

The combined effects of this initiative and the Park's upcoming energy projects maintain Lowell's long tradition of managing power in new ways. Sustainable energy management in 21st-century Lowell will continue to power the preservation of its storied buildings and proud heritage.

Map Park Areas & Downtown Lowell

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Plan Your Visit

Indoor Exhibits & Activities

- Visit the working 1920’s weave room in the **Boott Cotton Mills Museum**. Talk to weavers and park rangers, and tour the two floors of interactive exhibits.
- Explore the **Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit**. Step into the world and life of the Lowell mill girls and immigrants at the boardinghouse.*
- Watch the two educational history films at the **Visitor Center** and the **Boott Cotton Mills Museum**.
- Look, listen and learn about the tremendous power of water at the **River Transformed Exhibit**.*
- Additional exhibit and activity information at the **Visitor Center**.

Outdoor Exhibits & Activities

- Attend a guided ranger tour by foot, trolley, and/or boat. Offered rain or shine. Tours start at **Visitor Center**.*
- Stroll along the historic **Canalway** walking paths that encircle the downtown area. See historic structures, mills, gatehouses, locks, and dams.
- Experience the natural beauty of the **Northern Canal Walkway** and/or the historic **Pawtucket Falls**.*
- Stroll, bike, skate along the **Riverwalk**.
- Ride the historic **trolleys** around town.
- Relax in the grass at **Boardinghouse Park** or **Kerouac Park**.
- Additional exhibit and activity information at the **Visitor Center**.

Local Attractions & Activities

- The Concord River Greenway
- The American Textile History Museum
- The New England Quilt Museum
- Whistler House Museum of Art
- National Streetcar Museum
- The Center for Lowell History
- Brush Art Gallery, ALLArts Gallery
- Pollard Memorial Library
- Vandenberg Esplanade

Food, Parking

- Numerous restaurants are located on Merrimack, Market, Middle & Palmer St.
- Free parking is available behind the **Visitor Center** in a lot off of Dutton St.
- Paid parking is available throughout the city in garages or on the street.

* Availability affected by season/weather.

Getting Started

Complete information on guided tours, programs, facilities and special events is available at the Visitor Center on 246 Market Street. A written summary of park tours, hours and programming is available on pages 5-6. Information and tour reservations are also available by calling (978) 970-5000.

Free parking is available behind the Visitor Center in the lot adjacent to Dutton Street.

About Lowell National Historical Park

The creation of Lowell National Historical Park in 1978 acknowledged Lowell’s significant contribution to the American Industrial Revolution. Lowell’s culture, environment, and historic manufacturing economy are influential pieces of our national heritage which ultimately changed American life. The city and its textile mills represent the first large-scale planned industrial city in American history. 19th-century Lowell ushered in a new era of technical innovation in textile manufacturing, gave rise to the modern corporation, and developed one of America’s earliest urban working classes. Historically Lowell was heralded as the “Venice of the United States” for its extensive, technologically advanced canal system. Today, the Park is quite literally woven into the modern City of Lowell – a testament to the high integrity of Lowell’s historic and cultural landscape.

The city’s recent preservation and economic renaissance has created a vibrant downtown, within a unique historical setting which presents numerous options for visitors to Lowell. The energetic pulse of the city is enhanced by Lowell’s current array of diverse restaurants, shops, and cultural offerings. An exploration of the city and its cultural amenities provides a deeper understanding of Lowell’s distinct heritage.

Today the National Park Service preserves Lowell’s ground-breaking history while simultaneously contributing to the current and future success of Lowell. The National Park Service preserves nationally important places such as the Statue of Liberty, Yellowstone, and Lowell for the enjoyment of current and future generations.



A Place Like No Other

The story of Lowell is a powerful experience within a landscape that has much to offer. The revolutionary thinking that took place in the 19th century continues into the 21st century. The creation of this national park is one of those revolutionary ideas that was spawned with great public enthusiasm. Here we tell the stories of innovation in technology and engineering and of people who came from far-away lands looking to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Welcome! We look forward to hosting your trip to Lowell National Historical Park.

Michael Creasey
Park Superintendent

Exhibits



Visitor Center



Boott Cotton Mills Museum



Costumed Mill Girls and Canal Worker



The Northern Canal Walkway

Visitor Center

Begin your visit at Market Mills, the former Bigelow Carpet Company complex, one of the city’s original textile mills. At the Visitor Center, you can plan your exploration of the major park sites and the city’s rich industrial past. Make reservations for park tours and other programs, sign up for our Junior Ranger program, and shop in the museum store. General information on area lodging and dining is also available. *246 Market Street. Free.*

Visitor Center Films

Lowell: The Industrial Revelation, an award-winning film presentation, introduces visitors to the story of how people, technology, and capital came together to revolutionize textile production—and a way of life—in Lowell and other American cities. Also shown is *Lowell Blues*, a film by Henry Ferrini about author Jack Kerouac and his native city. *Free.*

Boott Cotton Mills Museum

Don’t miss the roar of a 1920’s weave room with operating power looms! The Park’s most popular exhibit includes the weave room, interactive exhibits, and video programs about the Industrial Revolution, labor, and the rebirth of Lowell. *Fees: Adults, \$6.00; Youth, 6 -16 & Students \$3.00; Senior Discount; Children 5 and under free. Call for special group rates.*

Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit

Explore the history of “mill girls” and immigrants in a Boott Mills boardinghouse. This exhibit features a reproduction boardinghouse kitchen, dining room, and bedroom. The Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, located in the Mogan Cultural Center, tells the human story of the Industrial Revolution by focusing on the lives of Lowell’s working people. *Free.*

“The River Transformed” Exhibit

The historic Wannalancit Mills features original 19th-century turbines and water raceways that are still visible to the public. Learn how industrialists and engineers viewed and harnessed the power of the Merrimack River to drive Lowell’s textile mills. Explore the history of the watershed, the human uses of the river system, and the impacts of industrialization on the river. *Site is open by tour only.*

Trolley Rides

Ride on a replica 1900’s trolley from site to site during your visit. The trolley provides transportation to the Visitor Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, “River Transformed” Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills, and other attractions in Lowell. *The trolley runs daily March through November. Schedules available at Visitor Center, Boott Mill, and Trolley Stops. Free.*

Canalway, Riverwalk, Northern Canal Walkway

Numerous outdoor walking paths are available throughout the Park and the city. The Canalway leads you in a wide circle through the historic district along various canals. The Riverwalk traces the Merrimack River from the Boott Mills to LeLachuer Park. The Northern Canal Walkway takes you from the Wannalancit Mill all the way to the Pawtucket Falls/Dam. *The Northern Canal and Riverwalk are available weather and/or river level permitting. Check with a Ranger. Free.*

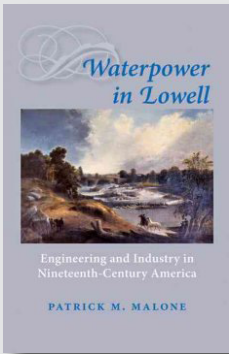
Gatehouses, Locks, Dams

The Park contains numerous historic gatehouses, locks and dams that regulate the flow of water and power into the city. You can visit the exterior of these resources by walking the Canalway. Some tours provide access to the interior of these buildings. *Check with a Ranger.*

Park Bookstores

Own a Piece of History

Would you like to take home an authentic piece of Boott Mill cloth? Interested in picking up a book about Lowell? How about sending postcards to family and friends?



All of these items and more are available at Lowell’s two park bookstores. The proceeds from bookstore sales directly support preservation and educational programming at Lowell National Historical Park. Bookstores are located at Visitor Center (246 Market Street) and at Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John Street).

National Park Passport Stamps

The Passport Stamp program is one of the most popular activities in the national parks. The Passport book is perfect for planning a trip to visit our national parks and for saving your memories after you’ve left. If you don’t already own a Passport book, you can purchase one at any of the Park’s bookstores.



Collect all seven of the stamps available at Lowell NHP. Ask a ranger for details and locations.

Volunteer For Your National Parks

Are you fascinated by the music at the Lowell Folk Festival® or the Lowell Summer Music Series and would like to help? Do you want to improve the community by working with park rangers to clean up the canal system? Would you like to staff a historic building and speak with visitors? Consider becoming a volunteer at Lowell National Historical Park.



There are numerous opportunities for volunteers in administrative, development, creative, and educational capacities. We have volunteer positions available to satisfy a diverse array of skills and experience.

How to Volunteer

- Call the Volunteer Office at (978) 275-1740
- Send e-mail to Lowell_NHP_Volunteers@nps.gov
- Visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/lowe>

Accessibility

Wheelchair accessible buildings include the Visitor Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, Mogan Cultural Center, Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse and the Wannalancit Mill. Curb-side drop off available at the Visitor Center (Market St & Shattuck St). Printed narrations of select audiovisual programs are available upon request.

Boats and trolleys are accessible to wheelchair users (one secure chair space per vehicle). When making reservations for programs, please inform us if your party will include a wheelchair.

Park News and Highlights



Winners, Finalists and Judges of the Inaugural Lowell Photography Contest

Phil Lupsiewicz



The Concord River Greenway

Liz West

Spindle City Corps

The Lowell Spindle City Corps, a partnership between the Park and Community Teamwork, Inc., invests in the future of Lowell youth by focusing on three guiding principles – service, diversity, and education. This summer the Spindle City Corps will offer youth employment opportunities for participants to work with youngsters in creating unique art, discover and portray historical characters of Lowell’s history, or learn how to properly maintain park resources. Last year the Park coordinated two summer maintenance teams, ten students with the Youth Theater Program, and three students staffing the Artship Enterprise while travelling to weekly events.

A new component of the year-round SCC program recently allowed twelve students to assist with special events and participate in planning and executing service projects around Lowell and the Park. All SCC members will host another Youth Summit in Boarding House Park this summer, an event that draws hundreds of members, team leaders, and families from youth environmental programs throughout New England.

New: The Concord River Greenway

A lush garden cemetery. A dam built for the Middlesex Manufacturing Company. A gothic Catholic church. A lone smokestack. These are among the many relics of the past visible along the Concord River as it flows through Lowell. The Concord River Greenway Park is a new multi-use trail that parallels the Concord River through the green heart of Lowell. This 1.75 mile trail is the work of the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust and the City of Lowell.

The Concord River in Lowell has a history just as important as the venerable Merrimack River. It is a story being played out in many places today- the story of how our evolving economy and changing attitudes toward nature have a profound impact on the places where we live and work.

Lowell National Historical Park is currently creating educational resources to assist visitors in understanding the history and natural resources of the Concord River. Ask a park ranger for directions to the Greenway to experience the Concord River for yourself!

Student Career Program

This year Lowell NHP and other Massachusetts national parks continue to develop the highly successful Student Career Intake Program. The SCIP program strives to reach youth early in their consideration of careers, offering the National Park Service as an option.

Last summer four students investigated a variety of career paths by visiting national parks in New England with diverse emphasis areas, shadowing employees and engaging in a curriculum that integrates leadership development. The program continues forward with four new participants in 2010.

Interested in applying?
Contact Program Manager
Amy Glowacki (978) 970-5024

Inaugural Photography Contest

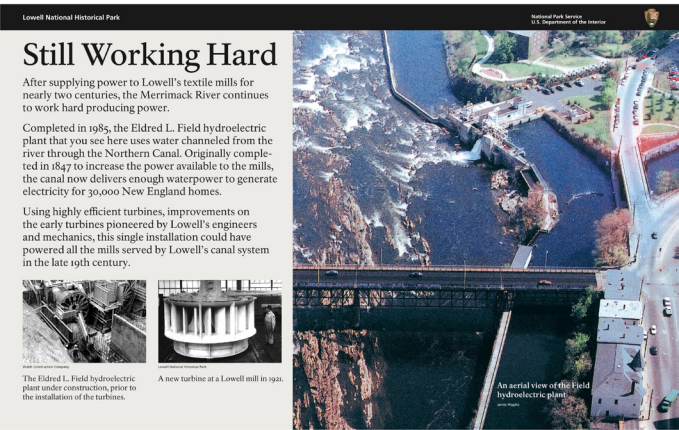


Park visitors from eight states and three foreign countries recently submitted 466 photographs documenting Lowell National Historical Park and the City of Lowell as part of the Park’s inaugural photography contest. Visitors ranging in age from thirteen to eighty-five years vividly captured a variety of photographs highlighting Lowell’s historic, cultural and natural resources – from distinctive mill architecture to eclectic downtown art to bald eagles floating over a frozen Merrimack River.

The Park celebrated the successful conclusion of the contest by building a semi-permanent gallery exhibit of contest photographs and hosting an evening reception attended by over 150 contest participants in the Boott Cotton Mill Museum.

This contest, the first of its kind in Park history, encouraged a significant number of regional photographers and artists to visit the Park and the City and view its resources through a fresh “lens” from September 2009 to January 2010. The 2nd Annual Photography contest will begin in the summer of 2010.


New Outdoor Panels for Park



Throughout the summer of 2010, the Park will be installing exhibit panels at various points along the Canalwalk and Riverwalk in Lowell. The panels provide the reader access to numerous stories and subjects including the technology and personalities connected to the development and growth of the canals, Lowell’s neighborhoods, environmental issues, natural history, and recreation.

Forty five panels were designed for placement on existing walkways as well as the segments that will be built over the next three years. When all segments are completed, the exhibit panels will provide all that use the walkways insights to the places and stories that make Lowell the city it is today.

The completed sections of the Riverwalk and Canalwalk provides visitors and residents alike with opportunities to recreate, access views of the water, and travel to and through the city’s neighborhoods. These new outdoor panels will educate and inform visitors about the significance of Lowell’s historical and cultural landscapes for years to come.



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Children’s Activities



Summer Day Camp



Tsongas Industrial History Center

Children’s Concerts at Boarding House Park

July - August ,Wednesdays & Thursdays at 11am
The Lowell Summer Music Series offers free concerts for children throughout the summer. Local and regional artists bring fun and excitement to the outdoor stage at Boarding House Park. Concerts feature music, magic, juggling, and/or dancing. An enjoyable event for children and adults of all ages. *Free.*

Children’s Corner

Visit our Children’s Corner in the Park’s Visitor Center. Participate in hands-on activities to explore Lowell’s technology through gears and pulleys, or read a book together to learn about immigration, machinery, and much more. *Free.*

Trolley Rides

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Summer Day Camp with the Tsongas Industrial History Center

July - August
Boys and girls, ages 8 - 14, discover the roots of the American Industrial Revolution and explore the connections between science and history through water! Includes hands-on workshops, visits to historic sites, crafts, games, a trolley ride, and a boat trip on the Merrimack River. Each camp runs for one week, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July and August. Space is limited. Preregistration is required. Cost is \$175/week. Information: (978)970-5080 | <http://www.uml.edu/Tsongas/>

Become a Junior Ranger

Pick up a Junior Ranger Activity Guide at the Visitor Center or the Boott Cotton Mills Museum. Explore the Park, complete the activities in the booklet and turn it in to become a Junior Ranger—including official badge and certificate. Answers to the activities can be found throughout the Park. *Free.*



Become a National Park Service WebRanger

What is a WebRanger?
A WebRanger is a care-taker, an adventurer, a learner, a seeker, a discoverer. A WebRanger could be...you! You can become a member of a growing group of young people who are interested in the world around them and involved with their nation’s heritage. WebRangers spread their knowledge of national parks to their friends, families, and schoolmates. Build your own ranger station, complete activities, and have fun!



Start your journey online: www.webrangers.us

Lowell Summer Music Series

June 25 - September 11



Lowell National Historical Park and the Lowell Festival Foundation present the 21st Season of the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House Park (corner of French & John Streets in downtown Lowell). The Lowell Summer Music Series features over 20 concert events including the free 31st Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contests. All show times are 7:30PM except Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night (4pm) and the Banjo & Fiddle Contests (12pm). All shows are affordable for the whole family; children 12 and under are admitted free.

In the event of rain, most performances move to Lowell High School auditorium, across the street from Boarding House Park. A few will be relocated to the Lowell Memorial Auditorium at 50 East Merrimack Street, just three blocks from the Park. Event parking is available at the John St. Garage.

Information: Call (978) 970-5200 or visit www.lowellsummermusic.org

Purchase Tickets: Tickets are available to purchase (with no surcharge) at the park Visitor Center and Boott Cotton Mills Museum Stores. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.lowellsummermusic.org



TAJ MAHAL
FRI, JUNE 25



AMOS LEE
FRI, JULY 9



JIMMY CLIFF
SAT, JULY 10



CAKE
FRI, JULY 16



JOAN ARMATRADING
SAT, JULY 17



INDIGO GIRLS
FRI, JULY 30



MARC COHN
SAT, JULY 31



SUZANNE VEGA
PATTY LARKIN
FRI, AUG 6



HERBIE HANCOCK
SAT, AUG 7



LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND
FRI, AUG 13



JONATHAN EDWARDS
AZTEC TWO-STEP
SAT, AUG 14



THE B-52'S
FRI, AUG 20



JAMES MONTGOMERY
& THE UPTOWN HORNS
SAT, AUG 21



MARCIA BALL
FRI, AUG 27



NATALIE MACMASTER
SAT, AUG 28



SHAKESPEARE'S
TWELFTH NIGHT
SUN, AUG 29



GANDALF MURPHY
& THE SLAMBOVIN
CIRCUS OF DREAMS
FRI. SEPT 3



SOUTHSIDE
JOHNNY
& THE ASBURY JUKES
SAT, SEPT 4



ROBERT RANDOLPH
& THE FAMILY BAND
FRI, SEPT 10



31ST ANNUAL
BANJO & FIDDLE
CONTESTS
SAT, SEPT 11

Lowell Events



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More Than a Number

April 17 - July 25

A multi-layered art/photography project that brings together a remembrance of the Cambodian genocide that began thirty-five years ago, recognition of survivors and their struggles, and appreciation of today’s Cambodian and Cambodian-American culture. At the American Textile History Museum.

Information: <http://www.reaksmey.org/MoreThanANumber.html>

The Preservation Movement: Then and Now

May 13 - September 26

Lowell National Historical Park and Historic New England present the exhibit “The Preservation Movement: Then and Now.” The exhibit focuses on two centuries and two tales of historic preservation in Massachusetts and New England. Both parts of the exhibit tell the rich and intriguing story of the growth of a historic preservation ethic in Massachusetts.. The exhibit is free and is located in the Boott Gallery on the first floor of the Boott Cotton Mills Museum at 115 John Street, Lowell.

Riverfest

Saturday, June 12 (Rain date June 13)

Come to the Concord River Greenway in historic downtown Lowell for a day of education, art, music and fun! Spend the day with your family enjoying fun activities and learning about Lowell’s long relationship with its rivers and canals. Listen to live music, participate in recycled art-making activities and more! The Concord River Greenway is located just off of 30 East Merrimack Street. Information: (978) 934-0030.

African Festival

Saturday, June 26, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sampas Pavilion, Pawtucket Boulevard

Join your neighbors for a great day of music, food , and crafts representing Africa. Information: www.africanfestivallowell.org

Waterpower Weekend

July 10 - 11

Enjoy a series of programs highlighting features of Lowell’s waterpower system including an historic re-creation of the mill era water flow measuring model, a tour of “The River Transformed” exhibit, gatehouse tours, and a visit to today’s hydroelectric power plant on the Northern Canal. Information: www.nps.gov/lowe/

Lowell Quilt Festival

August 12 - 14

The Lowell Quilt Festival, held annually for the benefit of the New England Quilt Museum, features a juried quilt show with cash prizes in several categories, an exhibit of antique quilts, classes and lectures by nationally acclaimed teachers, auctions of quilts and quilt-related items, quilt appraisals, and vendors of quilting supplies from New England and beyond. Information: www.lowellquiltfestival.org

Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival

Saturday, August 21

The 13th annual Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, along the Merrimack River at the Lowell Heritage State Park Vandenberg Esplanade and Sampas Pavilion, celebrates the cultural and environmental importance of water to the lives of Cambodians, Laotians, and other nationalities who have moved to Lowell. Many of the events, including the exciting boat races, music, dance, and food, mirror the traditional festival events that take place in their homeland. Information: www.lowellwaterfestival.org

24TH LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL

Friday, July 23rd - Sunday, July 25th, 2010

Join the over 2 million people who have attended the Lowell Folk Festival over the last two decades. The largest free folk festival in the country returns to Lowell in 2010.



In 2010, the Festival’s lineup includes traditional musicians from genres including bluegrass, salsa, andean, gospel, reggae and others. Artisans from “Keepers of Tradition: Folk Art & Foodways in Massachusetts” will conduct demonstrations and discuss their work in the realm of folk beauty, musical instrument construction and ethnic cooking. Lowell area community organization volunteers will serve delicious ethnic foods at more than a dozen booths around the festival.

A family friendly event, the Lowell Folk Festival presents an international array of folk music, ethnic foods, craftspeople and artisans as well as kid’s activities to enthusiastic New England audiences every summer for over twenty years.

Admission is free. At outdoor stages throughout downtown Lowell.

Information, Schedules, Artist Lineup:
www.lowellfolkfestival.org or call (978) 970-5200

31st Annual Banjo and Fiddle Contest

Saturday, September 11, 12-6pm

Come to Boarding House Park and celebrate three decades of traditional music at the Park’s longest running public event. Hear 100 contestants competing in 8 categories of styles. This great, free day of food, fun and music will leave a smile on your face and your feet tapping. Information: Call Ranger Alex Demas, (978) 970-5000.

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 25

Join Lowell National Historical Park Saturday, September 25, 2010 for the 17th annual National Public Lands Day and help us care for our land. Last year 110,000 volunteers worked in 1,300 locations throughout the United States. All park exhibit sites will be free to celebrate our national parks, museums, and public lands. Regular canal tour fees apply. Information: www.publiclandsday.org

Lowell Open Studios

September 25-26

This year’s event features more than 140 artists who live and work in this renaissance city including fiber artists, painters, multi-media artists, sculptors, potters, jewelers, filmmakers, photographers, and more. Open Studios lets you meet artists where they work, view their art, talk with and ask questions of them. Information: www.lowellopenstudios.org



Boat Tour on the Pawtucket Canal

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Tours

Explore Lowell’s historic mills, canals and rivers via a ranger led tour using park trolleys and boats. Some walking is required – wear comfortable shoes. Tours take place rain or shine – dress accordingly.

Working the Water Boat Tour

Who dug the canals? Who worked the locks and gates? Discover the human force behind the power of the canal system on this 90-minute tour on the Pawtucket Canal.

Engineering Innovation Boat Tour

The city of Lowell, its mills and canal system have been the site of exciting technological innovations throughout its long history. Discover why Lowell was once called a “living laboratory” on this two-hour canal tour.

The “Full Works” Boat Tour

Discover the relationships between the canals, the mills and the workers on this comprehensive 3-hour tour that will explore Lowell’s many waterways, gatehouses and mill complexes.

Evening Boat Cruise

Pack up a brown bag supper for a relaxing evening cruise. Dine on the boat, check for wildlife, learn about the early uses of the river, and take in the sights and sounds of this remarkable water resource. No alcoholic beverages permitted.

Views of Lowell Tour

Join a park ranger and learn about the downtown locks and canal structures; explore the relationship of the river to the power and production of the industrial city; or learn about the lives of Lowell’s famous “mill girls.” Tour travels primarily by trolley although there may be some walking. Monday through Friday in the Spring and Fall (60 minutes) and daily in Summer (40 minutes). *Free.*

Controlling Nature Tour

Lowell’s founder had a plan to control the Merrimack River to power the mills. Travel by trolley and foot to learn how waterpower “works” to turn turbines and power machinery, while discovering some of the consequences of industrializing the river on this 90-minute tour. *Free.*

“Pop-Up” Tours and Talks

Offered in July and August, these short programs will vary from ranger talks and walks to costumed presentations. Advertised the day of the program. Ask a ranger for details. 15 - 30 minutes. *Free.*

Tour Fees

Prices range from \$6 - \$10 per person, depending on tour. Children 5 and under free. See opposite page for details.

Reservations are required for all canal boat tours. Boat tour schedules and itineraries may be modified at any time depending on water levels. All boat tour reservations must be ticketed and paid for no later than thirty minutes before the start of the tour. Unclaimed reservations will be released and sold to waiting visitors. Tours schedules will be modified during the Lowell Folk Festival, July 23-25.

Special Tours and Programs

Unique Park Experiences

Park rangers offer a variety of special public tours and programs throughout the summer season. These programs range from historic/natural walking tours to evening education programs and to guided activities.

Inquire at the Visitor Center, the Boott Cotton Mill Museum, or call (978) 970-5000 for special program schedules and information.



Jim Higgins

Exhibit and Tour Schedule



SPRING	SUMMER			FALL
May 29–June 19	June 20–26	June 27– Aug 22*	Aug 23–Sept 6	Sept 7–Oct 11
Exhibit Hours VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM Daily	VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM Daily	VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Daily 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM Thur/Fri BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:00 – 5:00 PM Daily	VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:00 – 5:00 PM Daily	VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM Daily
Guided Tours Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Monday - Friday: 2:30 PM (60-75 mins)	Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Daily: 10AM (40 mins)	Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Daily: 10AM (40 mins)	Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Daily: 10AM (40 mins)	Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Monday - Friday: 2:30 PM (60 mins)
Working the Water Boat Tour Sat, Sun, & Memorial Day, 11AM, 12, 2, & 3:15PM (1hr 30 mins)	Working the Water Boat Tour Daily: 11AM, 2, 3PM (1hr 30 mins)	Working the Water Boat Tour Daily: 11AM, 2, 3PM Thur/Fri: 1PM (1hr 30 mins)	Working the Water Boat Tour Daily: 11AM, 2, 3PM (1hr 30 mins)	Working the Water Boat Tour Sat/Sun: 11AM, 2, 3PM Columbus Day: 11AM, 2, 3PM (1hr 30 mins)
	Engineering Innovation Boat Tour Daily: 12PM (2 hours)	Engineering Innovation Boat Tour Daily: 12PM Thur/Fri: 3:30PM (2 hours)	Engineering Innovation Boat Tour Daily: 12PM (2 hours)	Engineering Innovation Boat Tour Sat/Sun: 12PM Columbus Day: 12PM (2 hours)
		Controlling Nature Tour Sat-Wed: 2:30PM (1 hr 30 mins)		
		Evening Cruise Boat Tour Thur/Fri: 6PM (2 hours)		
		The “Full Works” Tour July 31, 2:30 PM August 8 & 22, 2:30 PM (3 hours)		

*Schedules will be modified during the Lowell Folk Festival, July 23-25.

Boat Tour Fees

Working the Water, Engineering Innovation, Evening Cruise

- Adults: \$8.00; Seniors: \$7.00 (Ages 62+)
- Youths: \$6.00 (Ages 6 -16)
- Children: Free (Ages 5 and under)

The “Full Works” Boat Tour

- Adults: \$10.00; Seniors: \$9.00 (Ages 62+)
- Youths: \$8.00 (Ages 6 -16)
- Children: Free (Ages 5 and under)

Museum Fees

Boott Cotton Mills Museum

- Adults: \$6.00; Seniors: \$4.00 (Ages 62+)
- Youths and Students: \$3.00 (Ages 6 -16)
- Children: Free (Ages 5 and under)
- Group Rates Available. National Park Pass discount.

Buy a “Park Package”

Combine a canal tour with a visit to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum and receive a discount.

Group Rates

Call (978) 970-5000 to request special group rates.